

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from April 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,083

Current number of adults: 56,321

Current number of children: 137,780

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,196

Closures in April:

total closures: 4227

closures for 18 month time limits: 145

closures for sanctions: 841

work-related sanctions: 832

other sanctions: 9

closures for employment: 1128

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,253

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,252

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$648.06

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.59

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.